



## Starport News

### Vacation, Daycation or Staycation with Starport

Starport offers tons of discounts on attractions in the Houston area, around the state, and nationwide. Visit our Gift Shops for discount tickets to Schlitterbahn, Splashtown, Six Flags Fiesta Texas, Sea World, Six Flags Over Texas, and, of course, Space Center Houston. Visit our website for discounts to more attractions across the country like Walt Disney World, Universal Studios, Busch Gardens, even Las Vegas and Broadway shows. There is way too much to list here so visit our website, under "Employee Discount," and click "Leisure and Travel" to plan your family's summer getaway now.



### NASA Day with the Houston Dynamos

Join us on Saturday, June 20 as the Dynamos play Real Salt Lake for NASA Night. Game starts at 7:30 PM at Robertson Stadium but come early to the Soccer Fest Fan Zone to visit NASA's exhibit. To purchase tickets go to the Starport Events page and click the link. You will need the password: nasa09 to get the discount. Don't forget to wear your NASA shirt. Heads up—NASA Night with Houston Astros is next month.



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Apollo 40 Years Shirts will be in mid-June. Watch your company communications for pick-up dates, times and locations.

### Upcoming Events

First Tuesday  
June 2

AT&T Fair  
June 10

Defensive Driving  
June 20

NASA Night with the Dynamos  
June 20

Bring Your Child to Work Day  
June 23

### Meet Our Staff—Marquis Edwards, Food Services Manager

The Food Services General Manager oversees all food service operations for the Starport Cafes in buildings 3 & 11, catering at the Gilruth Center, and vending in JSC buildings. Her daily duties include menu planning, café promotions, food quality assessment, addressing customer concerns, and making sure all safety standards are followed.

Marquis has been with Sodexo for 10 years. She started as a cashier while finishing up her paramedic training. It was then when she discovered her passion for food and that passion gave her the talent and drive to excel in this area. She quickly moved into bookkeeping, became the General Manager at a smaller account, then came to NASA as the Retail Manager for Sodexo for three years before being promoted to General Manager. Her aspirations are to eventually move to a District Manager or National Marketing Coordinator role with Sodexo.



Marquis likes not being tied to the desk and interacting with her staff and customers. "I am very energetic and I have a venue to use the energy in a positive way," she states. Her favorite part of her job? "I love to taste the food, try new recipes, and see how spices come together to bring out the flavor of foods."

She wants to make the cafes a place where everyone can come together to dine, network, and meet all at a reasonable price and for Gilruth catering to be the first choice for meeting needs. So she always wants to know how to provide better food service for the center.

Her words to live by? "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results" She is always looking for things to change, never settling, not becoming stagnate. "I am always evaluating my career and my life." She loves to hang out in backyard, listening to music, and photography if she had the time. "My best friend is my husband, so we enjoy everything we do together." Next time you are in the Starport Cafes, come say hi to Marquis.



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